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1. [] Attempted to reach Mr. Russ Rourke, in the office of Representative John R. Pillion, regarding his request on behalf of the Congressman for information on Soviet sabotage and assassination schools. (See Journal of 6 December.) I was advised that Mr. Rourke is on leave for the balance of this week. We will put over any further action on this item, which is essentially negative, in character, until Rourke's return next week unless there is further inquiry from Mr. Pillion.

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2. [] Received another call from George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, regarding our reply to their request for information on the [] case. Murphy indicated that this was their last follow up call on this request, giving the impression that if they did not receive a satisfactory response, a follow up letter would be dispatched. I told Murphy we were looking into this matter very closely, that there were a wealth of documents involved, that Mr. McCone was personally aware of their request and had given instructions to look at this matter very carefully. I told Murphy that a response had been drafted and that while I could make no assurances, I was hopeful they would receive a letter by the end of this week. I alerted Mr. Elder to the above in the event the Joint Committee staff should direct further inquiry to the Director's office.

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3. [] Talked with Peggy McDonald in the office of Senator Henry M. Jackson in connection with the Senator's letter of 6 December inquiring if []

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[] No answer to the Senator's letter is required.

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4. [] Delivered to James Kendall of Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee a short briefing paper on the Soviet military forces in Cuba in accordance with the request of Senator Stennis. This paper was prepared by OCI with copies in the Preparedness file.

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5. [] Talked with Miss Yates in the office of Senator Robert C. Byrd (W. Va.) pursuant to an inquiry on the promotion status [] I explained that I did not propose to discuss the merits of a promotion for [] but on the other hand I wished to assure the Senator that [] has not been overlooked in the normal promotion processes of the Agency. I explained in general some of the Agency procedures to assure equitable consideration in granting promotions. Miss Yates clearly understood the delicacy of such an inquiry and hastened to assure that the Senator did not wish to delve into the matter deeply but had hoped that she could assure him that appropriate consideration had been given and that there had not been any oversight or forgetting [] simply because he was abroad. I assured her this was not the case. I also requested that the Senator in discussing this with the constituent (who is [] brother) not be informed other than to say that the Senator had assured himself that [] has not been overlooked.

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7. [redacted] Met with Senator Daniel B. Brewster (Md.) and discussed with him certain general aspects of the Agency in which he is keenly interested. The discussion turned to a review of the early retirement bill which I explained in some detail. Senator Brewster assured me of his personal support of this bill when it is acted upon in the Senate.

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